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Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. 218

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***"AN ACT REQUIRING THE TESTING OF INMATES FOR
TUBERCULOSIS."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) As used in this
4 section:

5 (1) "Active tuberculosis" shall have the same meaning as "active
6 tuberculosis", as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section
7 19a-265 of the general statutes;

8 (2) "Infectious tuberculosis" shall have the same meaning as
9 "infectious tuberculosis", as defined in subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
10 of section 19a-265 of the general statutes; and

11 (3) "Latent tuberculosis" means having a positive tuberculin skin
12 test with no clinical, bacteriologic or radiologic evidence of active
13 tuberculosis.

14 (b) Any person who has been committed to the custody of the
15 Commissioner of Correction and remains in custody for a period of at
16 least five consecutive days shall be tested to determine if such person
17 has active tuberculosis or latent tuberculosis infection. Any person
18 testing positive for active or infectious tuberculosis shall be subject to
19 the provisions of sections 19a-255, 19a-256 and 19a-262 to 19a-265,
20 inclusive, of the general statutes. Any person testing positive for latent
21 tuberculosis infection shall be first medically evaluated for infectious
22 tuberculosis and then offered treatment for latent tuberculosis
23 infection as recommended at the time by the National Centers for
24 Disease Control and Prevention, provided that the scheduled period of
25 custody of such a person may be completed prior to the release of such
26 person from custody.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) In facilities operated by the
28 Department of Correction, the medical director, contractor and chief
29 administrator of the facility shall ensure that: (1) Each incarcerated
30 inmate, upon incarceration, has a tuberculin skin test, unless already
31 known to be positive, a symptom evaluation and if indicated according
32 to the most recent recommendations from the National Centers for
33 Disease Control and Prevention, a chest radiograph for tuberculosis,
34 provided that each inmate who is asymptomatic and who has had a
35 chest radiography in a correctional facility within six months of
36 incarceration need not have an additional chest radiograph; (2) each
37 incarcerated inmate has an evaluation for active or infectious
38 tuberculosis whenever a cough lasting more than two weeks develops;
39 (3) each incarcerated inmate has at least an annual tuberculin skin test,
40 unless already known to be positive; and (4) information on the results
41 of testing for infectious tuberculosis and latent tuberculosis infection as
42 described in subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this section and all
43 efforts to treat each inmate for active tuberculosis or latent tuberculosis
44 infection and discharges of inmates who have not completed therapy
45 for tuberculosis or latent tuberculosis infection are reported promptly
46 to the central Department of Correction tuberculosis registry.

47 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) The Department of

48 Correction shall establish a tuberculosis infection control committee.
49 Said committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following
50 members: (1) The Commissioner of Correction or said commissioner's
51 designee; (2) the medical director for the Department of Correction; (3)
52 a medical contractor or consultant currently executing any tuberculosis
53 control contract with the Department of Correction. Said committee
54 may consult with the Commissioner of Public Health or said
55 commissioner's designee.

56 (b) The committee established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
57 section shall develop guidelines and protocols for the purpose of
58 implementing section 2 of this act. Said guidelines shall include, but
59 not be limited to, the following tuberculosis infection control activities:
60 (1) Screening of inmates; (2) containment; and (3) assessment of
61 guidelines implementation. Any guidelines established shall be
62 consistent with the most recent recommendations from the National
63 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

64 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) Any inmate found to
65 have evidence of infectious tuberculosis shall be isolated from any
66 public contact until such time as the inmate has received treatment and
67 has been evaluated and found to be free of infection.

68 (b) If an inmate found to have infectious tuberculosis is believed,
69 based on subsequent investigation, to have exposed visitors or
70 employees to tuberculosis, efforts shall be made to inform such
71 persons and encourage such persons to have an evaluation for
72 tuberculosis infection.

73 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The Department of
74 Correction may enter into a contract agreement with an appropriate
75 health care provider to manage the responsibilities as it relates to
76 testing, screening or treatment of inmates for tuberculosis."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2002</i>